

## Lewis County DBE PROGRAM

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Section 26.1, 26.23

#### Objectives/Policy Statement

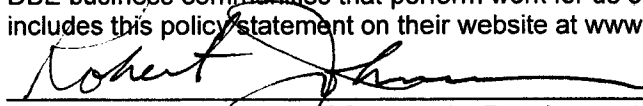
Lewis County, Washington has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Lewis County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Lewis County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Lewis County to ensure that DBEs are defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT – assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

*Larry Mason* has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, Larry Mason is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Lewis County in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

Lewis County has disseminated this policy statement to the Board of County Commissioners and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on DOT-assisted contracts. Lewis County includes this policy statement on their website at [www.co.lewis.wa.us](http://www.co.lewis.wa.us).

  
Robert Johnson, Director of Community Development

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